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## PROJECT NARRATIVE CITICHURCH INTERNATIONAL 9610 E. CACTUS ROAD

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This 13,547 S.F. new church building will be the first permanent home for the growing CitiChurch congregation. The church, which is relatively new to our community, gave its first public service in July of 2000. This non-denominational place of worship is currently 400 members strong and continues to grow.

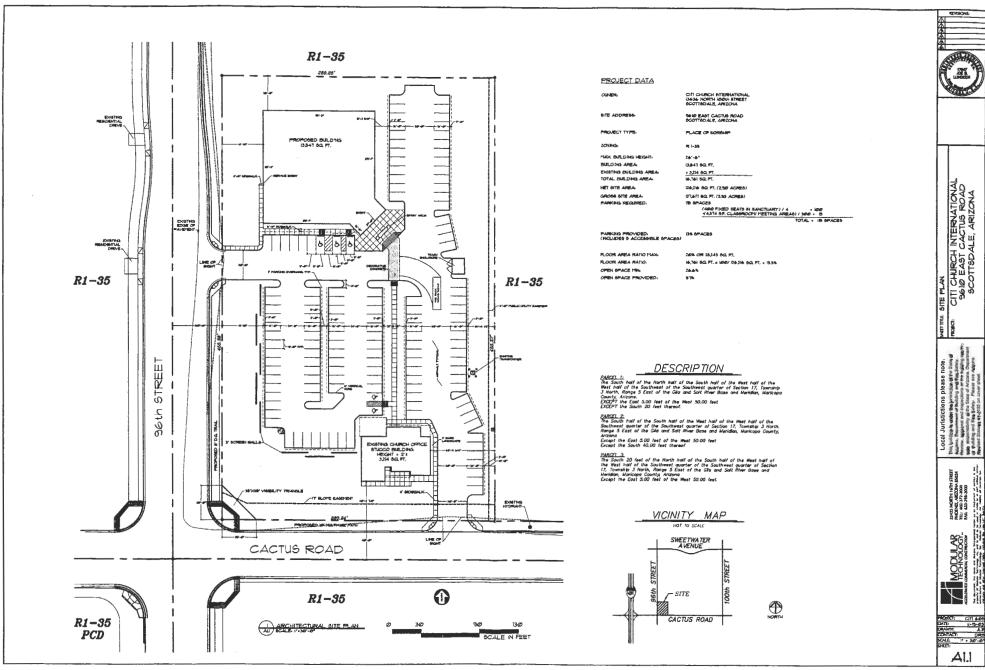
Even in its infancy the church has participated in several educational and community out-reach programs and is planning to strengthen its involvement in the community as it grows. This new facility is seen as a critical step in the church's ability to strengthen and expand its out-reach programs, educational programs, and presence in the community.

The facility will be located on a 2.9 acre R1-35 zoned property at the North East corner of 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Cactus Road. This property has a long history of use as a church, dating back to a development project in 1989 that did not move forward to construction. The property, however, includes an existing 3,214 S.F. building that was used as a Baptist church since that date. This building will be used for church offices augmenting the new building, and bringing the total square footage of all buildings on the site to 16,761 S.F.

The site plan has been laid out in such a way as to facilitate smooth traffic flow in and out of the property while providing ample open space and landscaping. A strong pedestrian connection is provided between the buildings and to the adjacent streets, multi-use path and equestrian trail. These elements are part of the Cactus Corridor. Another interesting element of the site plan is the inclusion of a simple meditation path molded into the onsite retention basin near the corner of 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Cactus. The landscaping provided by this facility will remain true to the theme of the Cactus Corridor, augmenting it with the use accent palms to provide interest to the buildings entry point and pedestrian connections.

The church's modified mission style features ironwork both in the dramatic arches and an overhead latticework connecting the entry feature to the main structure of the building. The entry feature and ironwork above are intended to provide a human scale to the building and as a transition from the outdoor spaces of this property into this place of worship. The church is striving to remain thematically correct and to honor the Cactus Corridor while remaining faithful to its religious traditions and roots. The color palette takes full advantage of the buildings recessed surfaces and textures. The roof heights vary one foot between the two main elements providing an interesting break in the roofline. The overall height of the building is kept well below the allowed maximum height of thirty feet. A cornice is used around the entire top of the building to further define its edge and increase the visual interest of the structure.

Through sensitive development and careful planning this proposed project strives to meet both the needs of CitiChurch and the interests of the adjacent community. The church is looking forward to being a member of the community and a strong resource to the people living and working as its neighbors.



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